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1. IN INFORMAL 17 JANUARY CONVERSATION, SECRETARY RUSK

25X1 ASKED [REDACTED] WHAT SVN LEGISLATURE AND MEMBERS THEREOF, PARTICULARLY LOWER HOUSE, THOUGHT ABOUT CURRENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS (E. G., THIEU PERFORMANCE, THANG RESIGNATION MATTER, PEACE ISSUE, ETC.). SECRETARY APPARENTLY HAD A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS EXPLICITLY OR IMPLICITLY IN MIND: WHAT WERE LEGISLATORS TALKING AND THINKING ABOUT? WHAT WERE THEY DOING? DID LEGISLATORS YET COUNT AS SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN LOCAL POLITICAL EQUATION? IF NOT, WHEN WERE THEY LIKELY TO BEGIN TO MAKE THEMSELVES FELT? DID THE LEGISLATURE, AGAIN PARTICULARLY THE LOWER HOUSE, CONSTITUTE A MECHANISM OR POWER SOURCE WHICH GVN (ESPECIALLY THIEU) COULD USE AS COUNTERPOISE TO GENERALS OR, CONVERSELY, A BODY WHICH ON ITS OWN COULD BRING EFFECTIVE PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THIEU AND THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT?

2. THOUGH SOME OF ABOVE POINTS ALREADY COVERED IN RECENT.

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TO [ STATION COMMENTS AND DISSEMS, REQUEST YOU PREPARE A WRAP UP  
ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT MOOD, ACTIONS, AND POLITICAL POTENTIAL  
OF THE LEGISLATURE, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE LOWER HOUSE. ]

ALSO REQUEST THAT IN DISCREET MANNER YOU TALK TO  
BUNKER (AND PERHAPS HABIB) INDICATING THAT MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND  
ENERGETIC REPORTING ON THESE MATTERS BY THE EMBASSY WOULD BE  
WELL-RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

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